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lı.	There is a steel and concrete bridge over the Haskovo River which divides the city in half. The main avenue crosses this bridge; the area west of the bridge is called Tsar Osvoboditel and that east of the bridge Otets Fayisi. The important buildings of the town are located on these two avenues.				
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long and 12 meters wide. Each day two passenger trains leave for Kerdzhali and two others leave for Rakovski.

- 8. Local transportation consists of horse-drawn carriages which transport people to the railroad station and within the city limits. Two bus lines depart from Haskovo, one to Rakovski, the other to Stara Zagora.
- 9. Haskovo is a district center and has the usual district offices. The Palace of Justice houses both the provincial and district courts. There is an old prison located north of the city.
- 10. The National Security agency is located in the Militia building. During the day, guards are stationed at specific points; at night they patrol the streets in groups of two or three. There are no restrictions on movement within the city at night.
- 11. The majority of the population are of the middle class and are engaged in the tobacco trade. The agricultural workers live on the outskirts of Haskovo.
- 12. There are 12 tobacco warehouses located in the city which are now under State control. During the working season, 600 to 700 people are employed in each factory, working eight hours a day for six months. If the laborers are unable to find other employment when the factories are closed, they receive unemployment wages which amount to half the regular wages. The factory buildings are very old and dispersed in various sectors of town. The tobacco is processed but no cigarettes are manufactured.
- 13. Consumer goods carry official prices fixed by the Ministry of Supply. Workers must be registered at the local labor bureau which permits the place of employment to issue a certificate to the worker which entitles him to obtain a ration book. The ration book is issued by the municipal supply commissariat and has to be renewed each month.
- 14. In order to eliminate the black market, the Government has established free stores where goods are sold without rationing, but at typical black market prices which are four to five times higher than those indicated on the ration cards. Although imported items from Czechoslovakia and Foland, such as textiles, shoes, and watches are displayed at the free stores, and presumably for sale, the people cannot afford to purchase them. The Communists are able to procure their needs in restricted stores where prices are kept reasonably low.
- 15. If the farmers have any produce left after fulfilling government quotas, it must be offered to the Government at the official rates. Farmers selling on the black market take the risk of severe punishment.
- 16. The local Communist headquarters is located on the main avenue. The Party leaders include: Georgi Yordanov, the district Party chief and government representative; Luben Damianov who is on diplomatic duty in Brussels; Gavrail Karev, director of the tobacco combines; Todor Kiryakov, a lawyer; Asen Mitsev, a Party official; Yosiv Kirov, chairman of the youth organization; Lenin Nikolov, leader of young Communists; Konstantin Zdravkov, inspector of forests; and Dimitar Zdavkov, the Militia inspector.
- 17. The Narodna Borba, a weekly, is the only newspaper published in Haskovo. It is the organ of the National Front and contains only news of Party activities, district and local affairs, and Communist propaganda.

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18. The Housing Commission controls all housing facilities, which only The Housing Commission controls all housing facilities, which only military personnel and Party members can obtain. The hotels, which are now administered by the municipality, are the Tsar Boris, Tsar Simon, Amerika, Mediterranean, and Meirc, the names of which are being changed. Most houses are one-family homes and the Government allows a family to own only one house. The Government exercises the function of landlord over the houses it has confiscated.

19. There is one government hospital here; three others which were privately owned have been taken over as branches of it. Employees in government establishments are treated free of charge, and others pay only a small fee. Treatment is free during clinic hours any day before noon. The cemetery lies to the right of the road crossing Kenan forest, in the northern considers of the city. northern outskirts of the city.

20. Haskovo has no university, but has a technical school, an agricultural lyceum, trade schools, and two lyceums for boys and girls. Registration at the lyceum is not restricted, but if during the school year the student does not join the Peoples' Youth Association, he is considered suspect and liable to expulsion.

21. Russian plays are presented at the National Theater; tickets are sold at the workshops and people are obligated to purchase these tickets.

22。	Soviet films are shown at t	he two motion	picture theaters.	In an effort
	to copy the hussians, the f	ootball teams	are called Locomotic	and Dimens
	the activities of these spor	rts groups are	under the control of	of the Party.

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